Bristol, January 16th 1847. Saturday

My dear Mr May.

Having just learned by inquiry at the Post Office that tho' no mail steamer goes to Boston on the 19th letters may be sent by a private one to America if posted this afternoon, I will write a few lines to announce the arrival of your letter of December — written subsequently to the one you despatched by the 1st of Decr. steamship. It came yesterday by post from Liverpool having a superscription to the effect, that it accompanied a packet addressed to me which Messrs. Wrights & Co had refused to take in, as the charge made for it was £2..6..0 — This enormous tax, was not a fortunate exemplification of the convenient & cheap conveyance which your letter commended. I am sorry to lose the contents of your packet, especially the Unitn Register, & Mr Palfrey's work; but your letter contained an interesting account of the contents of this short-coming parcel.

Another object I have in now sending you a line is, to say that I sent by the ship "Damascus," Capt. Bliss of Boston which sailed from this port on Wednesday last (13th) a parcel for you with a letter, which Capt. Bliss promised to deliver to your father with whom he is acquainted. Moreover, I paid Capt. B., to be transmitted to you thro' your father, £1, an advance for a copy of the "Liberator," in the hope that this pecuniary messenger may be more fortunate than ~~any~~ of the many other efforts I have been making during the last 2 or 3 months to obtain this paper - Mr. R. D. Webb has also been kindly exerting himself in my behalf.

In the parcel by Capt. B. I meant to have sent the inclosed "Address" having asked your questions about it; but found it had escaped my notice.

Perhaps I was rather unreasonable in so asking for 1.000 slips further of the account of the Fair - but I am sure we could ~~sell~~ employ ~~sin~~ advantageously, ~~if~~ some hundreds. The Contributors to the Bristol were not fewer than from 3 to 400 -

Not having your last letter by me, I cannot reply to it particularly. The "mistake" I considered Mr Garrison to have made was simply in failing to make ~~the~~ an ~~strong~~ impression in favour of the American abolitionists which he was so well able to do, upon that class of English society most likely to be useful to his cause. If Mr. Thompson went to America to plead for the Slave, I presume his advocating the superior excellence of Monarchical government would not disincline many to hear what he had to say about Slavery!

H. C. Wright has been advising Douglass not to have any thing to do with the disgraceful manumission paper. - in fact recommending him, while enjoying all the benefits of freedom, to pretend contempt for the means that effects it! R. D. answers him well. I suppose the correspondence will soon be in America as it is printed!

I know nothing of Dr Campbell. Miss J. Hitchcock of Wrexham has just sent me a pamphlet in which his treatment of W. L. G. is properly shown up.

Having told you all I had to say in the letter by the "Damascus," & the time for posting my letter drawing near, I must conclude. Enclosed is a letter ~~from~~ for Mr. Quincy from R.D. Webb which I forgot to send in my parcel as I had to despatch it in a very hurried manner. The envelope of Mr. D.'s letter, I am obliged to take off as it makes this over half an ounce; the address is "Edmund Quincy, 21 Cornhill, Boston". Will you undertake its delivery.

Believe me, my dear Sir

Most truly Yours

J. B. Estlin.

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